Wilderness Full of Noble Game.

MANY DEER HAVE BEEN SHOT.

Amusing Incidents that Have Taken Place with Deer Hunters. Fox Hunting and Birds.

HOLLADAY, VA., Dec. 23.-Special .-Spotsylvania-otherwise the wildernessstill remains the habitat of that noble game, the deer, and many fine ones have been gathered in by the Nimrods of this ancient county during the present season. They are more plentiful than for years past. During the spring various small farmers along the small creeks in the county were greatly troubled by the deer grazing the young wheat before grass had come, but they were much too publicspirited to shoot them at that time. The deer seem to prefer the middle ridges of the county about half way between the Rap-pahannock and North Anna, during the eummer, but whenever the cry of the hounds begins to get hot and near, they always strike for one or the other of these rivers, or the Rapidan.

WHERE THEY ARE KILLED.

ment. The words are not separated free each other; but neither are the incomple letters mixed up at all. There is no tran position or other trick. Taken one lettright after the other from the first the twenty-third, they spell four word Each word appears but once in this advertisement. They are four distinct a separate words. They appear in different places in the advertisement, not in a quence, and no two words appear in of line of the advertisement, not in a quence, and no two words appear in of line of the advertisement, and in a quence, and no two words which the letter above, if complete, would spell, and just what line of the advertisement can of the four words is, it is a most interesting contest. There is no chance about, it requires only ingennity and peans taking care in its solution. The forwords may be determined and locate in five minutes, or it may take all ho or two to decide what they are, and find them, The prizes aggregate Fit Hundred Bollars. TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS on the nearest correct; FIFTY DOLLARS for the second hearest correct, and TWENTY FUVE DOLLARS each for the next sevents correct. If the prize in any sixtended to the correct and the second hearest correct. The most of the kills have been made on or near the North Anna this season,

and some quite amusing incidents have occurred to deer hunters.

Amongst others, Mr. R. V. Groves, who is one of the finest farmers, as well as an ardent sportsman, and always gets a flon's share of the shooting, not the laugh on thim a few days since. Having shot at a deer, and following the dogs at full speed, or as well as he could through the brush and timber, he heard some one yelling "there she is," and the dogs baying and apparently just earling in something. He apparently just eating up something. He jumped from his horse, and left it without tieing, and after running and crawiing for serveral hundred yards through brush and bamboo briars, etc., he arrived at the scene, streaming with sweat, out of breath, and completely exhausted, and scratched in a dozen places, to find a man with a lot of cur dogs catching an

had gailoped on after the hounds follow-ing the deer, and our sportsman had to walk home, some five or six miles, whilst the others bagged the deer and led his horse home that night. SHOT A CROOKED GUN.

On another occasion he was thrown from his horse and got his fine gun bar-rels badly bent, but in the excitement did not know of the injury until he had shot about a dozen times at turkeys and hids religing them all with realing birds, missing them all with readiness and despatch, something never before in his experience, greatly to the delight and amusements of his friends. At last, real-faing the trouble, he hurried to Richmond and got the barrels straightened, and is own the champion shot.

again the champion shot.

Mr. Ned Cammack and the deer hunters had a piece of bad luck that might have been tragic but for his never having the old-fashioned "Buck ague." While the pack was in full cry after a deer, and he was at a stand waiting, a lady and child came by and walked down a by-path to be out of the way. Before they had yards the deer ran into the path twenty steps of them, and stood exact, between hunter and them for several

by between hunter and them to seconds, then bounded into the thick brush, out of sight at a single leap.

It was impossible to shoot without striking the lady and child, and all he could be was to stand there and make a few remarks appropriate for the occasion, but

Hugh Q. Dickenson, of Belmont, has a splendid pack of fox hounds, and P. D. Taylor a lovely lot of beagles, which are equally good for foxes and rabbits. Thos, equally good for foxes and rabbus. Inc. Coleman, of Spoisylvania Courthouse, has recently bought the fine pack of fox hounds formerly owned by Winston Bros., of Apple Grove, in Louisa, where they have a fine game preserve well stocked with game, including Mongolian pheasants. Winston Bros, are the contractors who bave the work on James river at Rich-mond. Mr. Coleman has been having mond. Mr. Coleman has been having steat sport with foxes, which are extremely plentiful around Spotsylvania Courthouse, and the weather has been very favorable up to this time for kills, of which they have made a great many. Of other game there is a decided scarcity; even rabbits are few, owing to the cold weather last winter and the large crop of foxes. Wild turkeys are also scarcer than usual in this county and partridges are practically gone. It will probably be many years before they are in reasonable numbers again.

RABBITS PLENTIFUL.

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Rabbits, where there are no foxes, will quickly become very plentiful, but partridges and pheasants are slow to retrieve their losses. Wild ducks are, and have been, scarce for some years on the creeks and mill pends. We hear of rather a remarkable case of wild duck at Holladay, Va. There are two genuine mallard wild Va. There are two genuine mailard wild ducks, which stay with the flock of tame ducks and are now, after two months, as gentle as the tame ones; coming up to the house to be fed and flying to be fed when bouse to be fed and flying to be fed when called, coming out on the ground from the pond to eat corn in a few feet of any one they know. They are very handsome ducks and it is quite surprising to see them flying round and then coming back when called, and then walking around when called, and then walking around the yard as calm and unconcerned as the chickens. It would be a great pitty for these ducks to be killed. Some years since, there was one which was gentle and staid for a long time with this same flock, but was killed by a stranger who saw it flying a long ways away from the residence and supposed that wild one.

It is usually supposed that wild ducks are particularly wild and hard to tame, but it would not seem so from these examples; that this is a popular error. More-

amples; that this is a popular error. More over, the writer was told by General Wm. B Tallaterro some years since, that upon his place was a wild duck which had been tamed and more remarkable still, that it was not less than fifty years old. That wild animals and birds can be easily tamed is certain, but how easily and quickly depends on the case, gentleness and judgments of the great trains. ment of the man trying the experiment. Several times the writer has taken young, grown squirrels from the woods and in would come out of their cages and walk about on the laps and shoulders of every-body in a room to get something to earl, taking it from the hand with perfect cen-

What a great pity that more so-called wild animals were not made gentle by kind treatment, and what nice pets they would be, and how much better than if regarded only as fit to be shot.

Fredericksburg Busy.
FREDERICKSBURB, VA., Dec. 23.—
Special.—Not for years, at this season, has

# HAMMOND,

FLORIST 107 East Broad St., Richmond, Va. Plant Decorations, Choice Rosebuds, Cut Flowers, Funeral Designs, &.

The Two-Fifths Letter Contest

\$500

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which, if complete, would spell four word Only the lower two-bilbs of each lets

second nearest correct, and TWEN FIVE DOLLARS each for the next nearest correct. If the prize in any s

winners of equally described to Brain Contest Editor, The Penny Magazine, so Fifth Ave. New York City. The contest will close Jan 15th, and the announcement of the result will be made in the February number of THE PENNY MAGAZINE, the winners receiving their prizes before February Ist.

As most people know, THE PENNY MAGAZINE is one of the greatest successes of recent times in the publishing world. Its editor and manager is Thomas C Quinn formerly of the editorial star

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Now, who can win one of the prizes?

What are the four words? Address

Brain Contest Editor,

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Getting THE PENNY MAGAZINE O

there been such a long, continuous spell of fair weather and the excellent condition of the roads has caused people in the sur-rounding country to come in large num-hers with teams, some travelling as far as forty miles to buy their Christmas sup-niles here.

SLAUGHTER IN JAIL.

A Fashionable Society Event in Dan-

ville—A Serious Fall.

DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 2%.—Special.

James H. Slaughter, who raised notes here

in the sum of \$9,000 and escaped arrest by

taking a south-bound train, returned at an

taking a south-bound train, returned at early hour this morning and surrendered himself. Slaughter was in company with Rev. J. C. Hall, a prominent Episcopal minister of Danville. He appeared in geod spirits, but would have little to say. Through his attorney. Mr. Julian Meade, an examination was waived and Slaughter committed to tail without having made ap-

committed to jail without having made ap-

plication for bail.

It is presumed by the authorities that Slaughter has been in Greensboro, N. C.,

since his flight. A detective was sent to that place last night, but passed Slaughter

Jerry White, a tinner, fell from the new

Southern depot at 2 o'clock this morning and broke his right ankle. It is though

he has received internal injuries. His con-

dition is serious.

Among the social events of the post week was the reception tendered to Mr. and Mrs. George Rucker Pean by Mr. and Mrs. Greenville Penn, at their residence on Holbrook avenue. The affair was one of the most fashionable society events of

Bad Company.

T understand," said Mrs. Kostique, 'that

you have been seen promenading with my husband. Is that true?"

The governess drew herself up defiantly.

"Well, Miss Primer," the other con-tinued camily, "if you wish to remain here you'll have to keep better company— Catholic Standard and Times.

Future Pavements.

Teacher—Now, little girl, I have teld the class about the wicked places being paved with good intentions. Now, what do you suppose heaven is paved with?

Little Girl (with a designtful recollect ion of a fresh-air picnic)—Ham sandwiches bananas an pis.—Harlem Life.

"Yes, it is," she replied.

#### If you have not time to solve this Brain Test to-day, cut out this advertisement and save it until you have time, it will be one of the most interesting and prontable things you ever did. To-MORROW you surely will have a little spare time for this great opportunity. EXPERIENCES OF LEMUEL ELY QUIGG THE PENNY MAGAZINE BRAIN TEST

He Tells How He Came Near Making Fifty Thousand Dollars.

NO MONEY MAKING IN POLITICS

He Never Finished a Campaign Without Being from \$8,000 to \$16,500 in Debt-Of Course He is Afterward Repaid,

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 23.-Special -- Mr. emuel Ely Quigg, of New York, Senator Chomas C. Platt's political right bower, was here this week attending The Seacoard Air Line meeting in Portsmouth. Mr. Quigg's experiences as Congressman from New York, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee and po-litical manipulator are well worth listening to. He burned an hour the other night in telling a few of these to a party of interested auditors here. A story-teller in the pleasuntest sense, the New Yorker was tapped by the press men, and

Yorker was tapped by the press men, and several interesting tales of the vintage of '99' were drawn from him. He told how he came near making \$20,000 once.

"It was when a fariff schedule was being framed," he said. "I was asked by the other committeemen to get the matter in shape, and worked at it fillgently. Interested manufacturers had previously sent in outlines of what they wanted done, and I had arranged the schedule as I thought visit, and the bill was about

before me and laid the bills out in rows. It was a pretty sight, No green field of which I have read in books, it seemed to me, was half so beautiful.

NOT OFFENDED.

"My visitor looked at me, I looked at him. Then I said, you know I'm not offehded; there is no use pretending that I am offended with a man that offers me anything like that, but you know I can't take it. I'd like to, you can see that, but I can't. I shuffled the, bills, put them back into the envelope much more slowfor your industry seemed to me to be about as near fair as I could get it. The schedule, as you prepared it, with hardly any revision is incorporated in the bill. That was the last I saw of my visitor.

A HOT CAMPAIGN.

The next campaign, however, was a not one. We were short of funds, and I was already in debt to the printers \$16,000 for \$2,200 was sent to me. It was signed by the manufacturer who once offered me fifty new one thousand Jollar bills. The \$2,500 came in mighty handy. I could in the capacity which I was acting use it properly and I did. I paid it out for campaign expenses. Do you know I never could understand how money may be made in politics. I have never come through a campaign without at the end being in debt from \$8,000 to \$16,500.
"I am always in debt. Of course I got the being in debt from \$5,000 to \$15,500.

"I am always in debt. Of course I get the money, or most of it, back before the next election, but I am personally responsible for the debt meanwhile."

Mr. Quigg, whose peculiar patronymic has afforded the paragraphers many opportunities which have not been left unimproved, confessed that he is improved to principle wit. With this in

view this plain tale of the hills is left

Mr. Walter G. Smith, city manager for for 20 cents a year is a better bargain than swapping a straw hat for
a sealskin coat on Christmas Eve.
After January 15, 1500, the subscription price of THE PIENNY MAGAZINE will be 25c, a year. terday afternoon for Chesterfield Court-house, where he will spend the Christ-mas holidays with friends and relatives.

## DRINK

The Best on the Market,

BEAUFONT LITHIA WATER. Delivered Fresh From Spring Daily.

piles here.

All this week the streats have been crowded with country people, but the beat of order has prevailed. The weather has been so mild that blue birds and wrens have been singing in the sunshine and farm work, such as fencing and plowing, has been going on without interruption.

Mr. A. B. Chandler, Jr., of Bowling Green, will deliver a lecture here next week on "Women in History," for the benefit of the Mary Washington Hospital. 14 Half Gal. Bottles, Tickets, \$1.00 5 Gal. In Demijohn.

> Special Prices to Large Consumers By the Month

> > 1013 Main St.

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No. 4

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WILL SELL OF PUBLIC AUC.

By Geo. H. Valentine, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29TH. FRIDAY, DEC. 29TH.

at 16:30 A. M., a very desirable stock of DRUGS, VARNISHES, PATENT MEDICINES, FIXTURES, etc., at 1507 east Main street. The stock consists of Drugs, Varnishes, Patented Medicines and other articles that are found in a first-class drug store. Also, Tobacco and Cigars, a lot of Perfumery, Show-Cases, Soda Fountain. Ice Shaver, Paper Rolls, Marble Counter Slab, and other fixtures. The public and trade are invited to attend.

GEO. H. VALENTINE.

GEO. H. VALENTINE.

PERSONAL.

IF MR. F. W. COLE. OF GAINESVILLE Fila., is in Richmond, Va., he may lear, of matters of personal interest on appli-cation to SAMUEL THOMSON PUL LIAM, 10 north Second street, Rich

BANKRUPTCY NOTICES.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS.

In the Matter of CHARLES I. CLARKSON Bankrupt.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EAST-ERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.

To the creditors of CHARLES L, CLARKSON, of Richmond, in the coun-ty of Henrico, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1896, the said CHARLDES L. CLARKSON was duy adjudicated a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in my offices. No. 20-22 Shafer Building (Teath and Main streets), in Richmond, Va., on the 3D DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1900, at 9:45 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such ether business, as may properly come before said meeting.

WM. F. WICKHAM, Referee in Bankruptcy.

December 23, 1899.

Coalter & Wise, Counsel.

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NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS. In the Matter of R. H. DUNCANSON, a Bankrupt. No. 136. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EAST-ERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.

To the creditors of R. H. DUNCANSON, of the county of Henrico, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

aforesald, a bankrupt:

Notice is horeby given that on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1820, the said B. H. DUNCANSON was duly adjudicated a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in my offices, No. 29-22 Shafer Building (Tenth and Main streets), in Richmond, Va., on the 3D DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1909, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may strend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Referec in Bankruptcy.

December 23, 1880. C. W. Throckmorton, Counsel.

Office of City Engineer, Clay Hall, city, and in such quantities as may be required. BEST VITRIFIED CLAY PIPES, BRANCHES, &c. (free from bilsters and cracks). Also, for best brand of ROSENDALE CEMENT for the year

Explanations can be obtained at this office. All proposals must be accompanied by a certified check of \$200. The office. All proposals must be accompanied by a certified check of \$200. The Committee on Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals offered and to award the contract as a whole or in separate parts.

W. E. CUTSHAW.

de23 City Engineer.

WANTED, BIDS TO FURNISH SUP-PLIES for the SOUTHWESTERN PLIES for the SOUTHWEST FOR THE HOSPIT FOR the months of STATE HOSPIT and March, 1900 J. R. RICHMOND, Clerk.

This Dec. 23, 1839.

Central State Hospital, Petersburg, Va., Dec. 23, 1800. SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISH-ing this hospital with supplies for the quarter ending March 31, 1909, will be received until 5 o'clock P. M. JANUARY

3, 1900.

The Executive Committee reserve the right to reject any or all bids. All supplies to be delivered at hospital free of charge. List and character of articles needed will be furnished on application ROBERT E. BLAND,

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RE-ceived until 12 o'clock TUESDAY, De-cember 28, 1880, for furnishing the Pent-tentiary with supplies for the next three months. months.

Blanks can be had by applying to G. M. HELMS.

do24 Superintendent

FINANCIAL.

\$300 \$700 \$1,000 \$1,800 \$2,000

To Lend on City Property.

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POLLARD & BAGBY.
del9 No. 5 north Eleventh street.

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INVESTORS.—OUR DIVIDENDS FOR past year average 10 per cent. weekly; no investor's money ever lost; our methods quickly render investments absolutely safe; circular free. INTEROCEAN COMMISSION CO., 64-66 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ili. de24

\$19,000 OFFERED

by the heirs of the late ANTHONY POL-LOK for the best Maritime Life-Saving Devices. We can furnish you informa-tion. MASON, FENWICK & LAW-RENCE, Patent Lawyers; TOMPKINS & RENCE, Patent Lawyers, TOMPK CAMERON, agents, 918 cast Main Richmond, Va.

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WANTED, SAW MILLS THAT ARE situated within one hundred miles of Richmond to supply us with OAK STAVES, we to furnish saws. Full particulars on application. RICHMOND CEDAR WORKS, Richmond, Va. de24 VITALITY LOW, DEBILITATED OR exhausted, cured by Dr. Kline's invigo-rating Tonic. FREE, 31 Trial Bottle. DR. KLINE'S INSTITUTE, 531 Arch street, Philadelphia. Founded 1871.

PLAYS, WIGS, BEARDS, MUSTACHES, Tricks and Stage Make-Ups; also, latest novelties for agents to sell. Illustrated catalogue free. CHAS, E. MARSHALL, Mfgr., Lockport, N. V. de24

HELP WANTED\_Male.

WANTED, MAN THOROUGHLY EXperienced in the manufacture of pow-dered mica by water process to superin-tend factory. D. 22, LORD & THOMAS, Chicago. SOVERNMENT POSITIONS.-WHERE

they are, how obtained, salaries paid, and all particulars free by writing to the "originators," the NATL CORRE-SPONDENCE INST., Washington, D. C.

HELP WANTED .- Female.

WANTED, A TRAINED MURSE AS AS-sistant in a small hospital one with ex-perience in medical and surgical cases not necessarily a graduate. Must give references. Apply to Miss B. B., P. O. Box 200, Richmond, Va. de23

LADIES, WRITE US FOR AGENTS terms on Rubber Gloves, Dress Shields, Bottles and Syringes. REESE SUPPLY CO., Setauket, N. Y. de24 SALESMEN WANTED.

WANTED, BY OLD ESTABLISHED house, experienced road salesman to self staple line; must be able to show a clean record and give bond; permanent position to right man. Address Box 814, WANTED, EXPERIENCED TRAVEL-ING SALESMAN to sell our goods to the general merchandise trade, perma-nent position if business is satisfactory; best of references and bond required, Address Box 608, St. Louis, Mo. 4024

AGENTS WANTED.

MOST COMPLETE LINE BATH CABI one thousand in four months. IRWIN MFG. CO., 123 Chambers s. New York.

JUST OUT, NEW PEERLESS GASO-line lamp. Easiest lighted; most satis-factory; knocks out all competition. Agents coining money. PEERLESS LAMP CO., 294 Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, Mo.

LOST AND FOUND

Office of Chief of Police City Hall Office of Chief of Police, City Hall,
Richmond, Va., Dec. 23, 1869.

NOTICE—A SMALL. SORREL HORSE
was taken up going at large by the police on Wednesday night, December 29,
1869. The owner will call at Second
police station for the same, and if not
called for by TUESDAY, December 26th,
he will be seld at auction.

B. F. HOWARD,
de24. Chief of Police,

LOST ON THE STREETS, A SMALL DIAMOND BROOCH, set in gold petals, circular shape. A suitable reward will be given if returned to 1109 west Main street.

Brook avenue and Marshall and 207 w Clay street, a LADY'S NECK FUR. liberal reward if left #t 602 cast Bro LOST, ONE DIARY, CONTAINING money, also name, address, etc., of owner. Liberal reward if left at Hunt-er's book-store, 629 east Broad atreet.

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I have just received several DESIRABLE FARMS near Richmond. Can exchange for city property. A Farm of 3t
ACRES, near the Broad-Street road, that
cost \$1,250 three years ago, for \$900. Call
and inspect my suburban anad city list.
Farm Journal free.

PERCY S. READ,
de24 110412 Main street.

FOR SALE.

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A large stock of Selld Gold Jewelry A large stock of Selid Gold Jewelry. Watches, Clocks, Diamonds, Silver-ware of the linest quality. Must be sold to satisfy myself and customers at J. Weinstein's, 1555 east Main street. My stock consists of a fine variety of Ladies' and Gent's Solid Gold and Silver awcthes, Filled Watches, Diamond Rings, Earrings, Pins, etc.; also fine selected stock of sliver-ware, consisting of Fine Tea Sets, Waiters, Butter Dishes, Sugar Bowls, Fruit Stancs, all of the latest designs. Fine selection of solid Silver Tea and Sugar Spoons, Butter Knives, Table Spoons, Forks, Knives, Ladies, all of the best quality. A most complete stock of Solid Gold Plain and Set Rings, Cuff Buttons, Breast Pins, Studs, Earrings, all of the latest designs. the latest designs.

Be sure you call and get the worth of

#### J. WEINSTEIN's, 1555 East Main Street.

FOR SALE, BUSINESS HOUSE AND LOT, No. 2106 Jefferson avenue, New-port News, Va. One of the best liquor stands in the city. Apply to No. 1330, corner Fourteenth and Cary streets, Richmond, Va.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Southern Railway. Southern Railway.

THE DEPOTS OF THIS COMPANY
will be closed on MONDAY, December
25, 1809, Christmas Day, except for the
delivery of perishable freight from 9
to 10:30 A. M.

E. H. LEA,
de24
Agent,

Richmond, Frederickshurg and Potomac Railroad Company, Richmond, Va., Dec. 23, 1809. THE FREIGHT DEPOTS OF THIS company will be closed CHRISTMAS, secember 25, 1800, and NEW YEAR, January 1, 1900, except for delivery of perishable goods between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock A. M. R. E. DUKE. Freight Agent.

THE VALENTINE MUSEUM CLEVENTH AND CLAY STREETS.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.
dmission is cents. Free on Saturdays.

AMUSEMENTS,

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BIJOU Matinee To-Morrow

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DIVIDEND NOTICES.

Johnson, Davenport & Lorello,

Comedy Acrobats.

The lier Trio,

Grotesque Acrobals.

Ninaetta Collins,

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF Directors of the Richmond, Fredericks-burg and Potomac Railroad Company have declared a DIVIDEND OF FOUR DOLLARS PER SHARE on the Common Stock and Dividend Obligations of the company, payable on January the 2d, 1800, to holders of the same of record on December 20, 1800, from which date to the 5th of January, 1800, the books of transfer will be closed.

J. B. WINSTON.

del2 Treasurer.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY OF VIRGINIA have declared a DIVIDEND OF THREE DOLLARS PER SHARE on the Capital Stock of the company, payable on JANUARY 2, 1900, to holders of the same of record on December 20, 1890, from which date to the 2d of January, 1900, the books of transfer will be closed.

W. R. JONES, 1844

Office Va. Fire and Marine Ins. Co... Richmond. Va., Dec. 19, 1898.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. (tree of taxy, payable to stockholders on and after JANUARY 1st. Checks for this dividend will be mailed to stockholders. Changes of address should be promptly notified to the company.

W. H. MCARTHY. del9 Secretary.

Virginia Trust Company, Richmond, Va., Dec. 19, 1899. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Virginia Trust Company has this day declared the usual semi-annual dividend of three per cent. (3), free of tax, on its pald-up capital stock of \$500,090, payable out of the net earnings of the past 6 months on and after January 2 1900.

JOHN MORTON. Secretary and Treasurer.

Richmond Perpetual Building, Loan and Trust Company. 1004 east Main street, Richmond, Va., Dec. 19, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS IDEND OF ONE DOLLAR PER SHARE on the paid-up stock and rata-bly on the running stock, payable at the office of the company on and after JANoffice of the company UARY 2, 1900. HENRY S. HUTZLER, Cashte

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20, 1899.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK
have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF TWO AND A
HALF (2%) PER CENT. free of tax,
payable on and after JANUARY 2, 1900.

H. A. WILLIAMS,
de21. Cashier.

Title and Trust Company.
1112 cast Main street.
Richmond, Va., Dec. 21, 1899. Richmond, Va., Dec. 21, 1839,
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY have
this day declared a DIVIDEND OF
TWO AND A HALF PER CENT. on
its capital stock, free of tax, payable
on and after JANUARY 2, 1839,
JNO. TYLER,
de21 Secretary and Treasurer.

The State Bank of Virginia.
Richmond, Va. Dec. 21, 1889.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BAN
have declared a DIVIDEND OF THRE
AND ONE-HALF PER CENT., pay
ble on and after JANUARY 2, 1900.
WM. M. HILL,
dec2.
Cashier.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVI-DEND OF THREE PER CENT. free of taxes, payable to the stockholders on and after JANUARY 2, 1900.

de23 A. B. BLAIR, Cashier.

The Planters National Bank,
Richmond, Va., Dec. 22, 1809.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK
have to-day declared the regular SEMI
ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SIN PER
CENT on the capital stock, payable or
and after TUESDAY, January 2, 1900.
BICHARD H. SMITH.
Capiter.
Capiter.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 23, 1899. DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF
Directors of the MERCHANTS NATIONAL, BANK have this day declared
their usual SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND
OF THREE AND ONE-HALF PER
CENT. on the capital stock out of the
net profits of the last six months, payable (free of tax) on and after the 2d day
of JANUARY, 1900.

JOHN F. GLENN,
de24
Cashier.

COMMERCIAL GUARANTEE COM-PANY.—The Board of Directors have declared the usual DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT, for six months out of the earnings, payable JANUARY 2, 1900. E. S. MITCHELL. City Bank of Richmond, Richmond, Va., Dec. 12, 1800,

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared the usual SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT out of the earnlings for the past six months, payable on and after JANU-ARY 2, 1969.

J. W. SINTON, de24 Cashier.

MEETINGS.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18, 1899.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING of the STOCKHOLDERS of the KANA-WHA COAL COMPANY will be held at the office of Eugene C. Massie, Esq. in this city, on THURSDAY, January 18, 1996, at 12 o'clock M.

R. T. BROOKE, del9 Secretary and Treasurer.

City Bank of Richmond. Richmond, Va., Dec. 23, 1809. THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of this bank wi held at their banking-house on MON-DAY, January 8th, at 12 o'clock M. J. W. SINTON, Cashier.

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Room 7, first floor, City Hall,
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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.—THE LAST
HALF OF CITY TAXES, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL, for 1899, is
NOW DUE AND PAYABLE at this
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EVERY male twenty-one years of age, and EVERY person keeping house or doing business in the city is assessed for personal taxes. Those who have not paid any city taxes during the year will please call and settle, so as to avoid being posted as delinquents.

GRADING, PAVING, PIPE AND SEWER CONNECTION BILLS are also due, and will have to be declared delinquent if not paid on or before end of year.

Office open from 8:30 A. M. to d P. M. FRANK W. CUNNINGHAM. del Collector of City Taxes,

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TAX NOTICE,

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FIVE PER CENT, was added to all tax bills, real or personal, not half paid on or before JUNE 30th.

FIVE PER CENT, will be added to last half if not paid on or before DE-CEMBER 31st.

Interest at SIX PER CENT, also attaches to all bills as soon as reported delinquent.

delinquent.

Particular attention is called to the above, as under an ordinance passed by the City Council there can be no avoidance of the 5 per cent, penalty after December illst.